

**WASHINGTON STATE
NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS SUMMIT AGENDA
Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort
15347 Suquamish Way NE, Suquamish, Washington
Salmon Hall
September 26-27, 2017**

DAY 1—TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

7:30 a.m.

Registration on-site

Advance registration available at

https://2017_native_american_veterans_summit.eventbrite.com

8:30 a.m.-9:15 a.m.

Administrative Remarks: Steve Gill, Veteran Services Administrator, WA DVA

Welcome Address: Chairman Leonard Forsman, Suquamish Tribe

Post Colors: Suquamish Color Guard

Invocation: TBD-Tribal Elder

9:15 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Discuss Day 1 Goals: Steve Gill, Veteran Services Administrator, WA DVA

VA Office of Tribal Government Relations Update: Terry Bentley, Tribal Government Relations Specialist, Pacific District

9:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Update/Welcome from the Seattle Regional Office Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA):

Pritz Navaratnasingam, Director

10:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m. BREAK

10:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Update/Welcome from the VA Puget Sound Healthcare System (VHA): Michael Tadych, FACHE, Director

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

VA 101 –Overview- Understanding VA Eligibility & Health Care Benefits

Sean Price, Chief Eligibility & Enrollment, VA Puget Sound Health Care System

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

VA Service Officer Basics – Understanding Benefits

Rob Hard, VBA Seattle Regional Office

- Who is a Veteran?
- Basic qualifications and types of discharges
- Fully developed claim vs. Standard claim
- Developing medical evidence in support of claim (Nexus)

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DAY 1— CONTINUED

12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. LUNCH provided by Washington State Department of Veterans Services
Luncheon Program: Internships for Veterans in National Resources and Agriculture
Jason Alves/Jeremy Grisham, Veterans Conservation Corps, WA DVA

1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Survivor Claims and Benefits

Rob Hard, VBA Seattle Regional Office

- What is Dependency Indemnity Compensation?
- What is death pension?
- What are burial benefits?
- What are accrued benefits?

2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Special Claims- Presumptive Conditions

Jacob Liddell, VBA Seattle Regional Office

- Agent Orange
- Gulf War
- Camp Lejeune
- Atomic Veterans

3:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m. BREAK

3:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Non-Service Connected Pensions & Aid and Attendance

Rob Hard, VBA Seattle Regional Office

4:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Role of Tribal Veteran Representative/Tribal Veteran Service Officer

Steve Gill, Lavada Anderson and Terry Bentley

- New rule 38.CFR 14.628(b)(2)
- How does it impact Tribes?

5:00pm – ADJOURN

6:00PM – CULTURAL NIGHT – DANCING & CLAM BAKE

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DAY 2—WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

8:00 a.m. Registration on-site

8:45 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

Administrative Remarks: Steve Gill, Veteran Services Administrator, WA DVA

Invocation: Tribal Elder-TBD

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Veteran Apprenticeship Programs

Rachael Roberts, Program Specialist, WA DVA

Chris Winters, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades

10:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m. BREAK

10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

Introduction of Federal and State Education Benefits

Rafael Lozano, Olympia Service Center Manager, WA DVA

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation

Monica McNeal

11:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Washington Veterans Memorial Cemetery Program

Thomas Yokes, Director, Tahoma National Cemetery

- Burial Eligibility
- Process to get headstones delivered
- Native American Headstone Symbols

11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. LUNCH provided by Washington Department of Veterans Affairs

Luncheon Program: State of Washington Veterans Benefits

Caesar Plasencia, Program Specialists, WA DVA

1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Traumatic Brain Injury

Dan Overton, TBI Program Coordinator, WA DVA

2:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m. BREAK

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2:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m.

Treatment for PTSD and Mental Health

Michelle Borsz, MSSA, LISW-S, Director, Suicide Prevention, VA Puget Sound Health Care

- Signs of PTSD
- Suicide Prevention – Crisis Hotline
- Accessing same-day Mental Health Program

3:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Round Table Discussion: Steve Gill, Veteran Service Administrator, WA DVA – Moderator

- Colleen Bryan, Representative from Senator Patty Murray Office
- TBD - Senator Maria Cantwell Office
- TBD - Congressman TBD Office
- Pritz Navaratnasingam, Director – VBA Seattle Regional Office
- Michael Tadych, Director – VHA Puget Sound Healthcare System
- Alfie Alvarado-Ramos, Director - Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs
- Thomas Yokes, Director, Tahoma National Cemetery
- Terry Bentley, VA Office of Tribal Government Relations

4:30 p.m. Closing Prayer: Tribal Elder

Safe Travels Home

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